

Regular meeting of the City Council: Austin, Texas, August 31st 1911.

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor: Roll called:

Present Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Lockridge & Powell 4

Absent excused Councilman Hart 1

The Mayor laid before the Council a petition from Wm Von Rosenberg Jr, as atty for Mrs F Arlitt, asking the Council to have Duval street opened between E 22nd & E 23rd streets, which was read and referred to Councilman Powell, Supt Streets, et

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution:

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin:

That ten (\$ 10.00) be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the Earnings

fund of the Water, Light and Power Department of this City, to re-imburse M M

Shipe in the amount of ten (\$10.00) dollars, paid by him in the year 1910, to

secure an option from the Mc Culloch Live Stock Co for the reservoir also of the reservoir purchased in connection with the Water, Light and Power Plant of

this City.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Lockridge & Powell 4

Absent Councilman Hart 1

The Council then recessed until 3 P M this day.

Thursday August 31st 1911, P M

The Council was called to order by the Mayor with all members present except Councilman Hart.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following report from the City Clerk.

Austin, Texas, August 31st 1911.

Hon Mayor and City Council,

City of Austin.

Gentlemen:

As required by the City Charter, I have the honor to report the following as the result of the election held on August 30th 1911, on the proposition of Wm D Johnson, for re-building the dam, as shown by the returns made to me as follows, to-wit:

Total No of Votes cast

1783.

Ward No 1

For the proposition,

Against the proposition

Ward No 1

70,

23,

Ward No 2,

231,

18,

Ward No 3,

367,

59,

Ward No 4,

283,

47,

Ward No 5,

221,

36,

Ward No 6,

168,

41,

Ward No 7,

179,

40,

Totals

1,519

264

Respectfully submitted,

Jno D Johnson, City Clerk.

The Mayor appointed Councilmen Bartholomew & Lockridge a committee to verify the report of the City Clerk.

The Committee appointed to verify the report of the City Clerk in regard to the election on the proposition of Wm D Johnson, to rebuild the dam, reported that they had examined the returns of said election made to the City Clerk, and found the Clerks report on same to be correct.

Get City Clerk work  
Duval St

M. M. Shipe  
approp. pay fm  
of line

City Clerk's report  
election.

*Appropriation  
Assigned to  
Contingent expenses*

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin:

That seven hundred and fifty (\$ 750.00) dollars ,out of the General fund ~~appropriation~~ for 1911, be and the same is hereby appropriated and set apart to the contingent expenses of this City for the present year.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Lockridge & Powell 4

Absent Councilman Hart 1

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That one hundred and twenty five (\$ 125.00) dollars ,out of the appropriation of two hundred and fifty (\$ 250) dollars ,set apart in the budget of 1911 for concerts in East Austin ,be and the same is hereby transferred and assigned to the cost of concerts and other entertainments for the present year at Wooldridge Park.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Lockridge & Powell 4

Absent Councilman Hart 1

*Appro Council  
East Austin  
Wooldridge P/O*

The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance providing for an enlarged, more efficient and economical Water, Light and Power Plant for the City of Austin, and to that end granting to William D Johnson and his assigns the franchise to erect and maintain a dam across the Colorado River at or near the location of the dam formerly erected across said river by the City of Austin,; also the franchise and privilege to erect and maintain a reservoir and power house and other appurtenances to said dam also the franchise to overflow the lands formerly overflowed by the back water of said dam; providing for the protection and indemnity of said William D Johnson and his assigns against all damages or claims on account of overflowing such lands as may be overflowed by said dam ,~~etc.~~, etc.

The ordinance was read the first time and the rule suspended and it placed on its second reading by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Lockridge & Powell 4

Absent excused Councilman Hart 1

The ordinance was read the second time and laid over until the next regular meeting.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That the sum of \$ 214.50 ,or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the appropriation for General contingent expenses for the purpose of paying expenses of the election held Aug 30th 1911, on the proposition to rebuild the dam .

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Lockridge & Powell 4.

Absent Councilman Hart 1

The Council then recessed subject to call of the Mayor.

*Dam Contract  
W.D. Johnson*

Austin, Texas, Sept 5th 1911.

The Council was called to order by the Mayor with all members present.

Mr R M Castleman appeared before the Council and offered the following protest, which he asked be read upon the minutes of the Council:

Austin, Texas, Sept 5th 1911.

Hon City Council City of Austin, Texas.

Gentlemen :

I am informed that you have in contemplation entering into a contract with J D Johnson to rebuild the dam, formerly built by the City of Austin, and as a citizen of Austin I protest against rebuilding said dam by Johnson, the City or anyone else, for the reason that it did wash away for the want of a foundation, and on account of the report of the Government Engineer that there is no natural foundation at this locality, I believe it will wash away again, and hereby give notice to the public through you, that if rebuilt and does wash away again - I shall hold the City of Austin responsible for any damage I may sustain either to life or property on my farm situated on the river about six miles below the City of Austin.

Respectfully submitted

R M Castleman.

On motion the communication was ordered recorded in the minutes of the Council.

The Mayor laid before the Council the petition from Citizens asking to have the Pound Ordinance amended so as to exempt the sand bar on the river from the Railroad bridge to the McGill crossing, On motion the petition was refused by the the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart & Powell 4

Nays Councilman Lockridge 1

Councilman Hart offered the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

It appearing to the Council that the defendant Willie Harper was on the day of August 1911, on two complaints for assault, fined, the fine and cost in one of said causes amounting to \$ 19.80 and the other to \$ 14.80, and it appearing that the defendant is a poor man with a large family and that enforcing the collection of both of said fines would cause his family to suffer, and the Corporation Judge recommending the remission of one of said fines: therefore, Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That the fine of \$ 14.80 be and the same is hereby remitted.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart, Lockridge & Powell 5

Nays none.

Councilman Hart offered the following resolution :

(1) That whereas there is to be held an annual convention of the International Association of Fire Engineers at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Sept 19th to 22nd, inclusive, where Chiefs of Fire Departments from all Cities of importance throughout the United States will gather and where exhibits of modern fire fighting apparatus and the modern mode of fire fighting will be the main features, and whereas information thus gained will be of material benefit to our Fire Department and to our City ; therefore,

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin:

That the sum of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of paying the necessary expenses of C L Woodward Chief Engineer of the Fire Department of the City, in order to enable him to attend said convention.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Protest  
R M Castleman  
Against dam

Ref  
to Amend Ordinance

Fine of  
Willie Harper  
remitted

Alfred to pay  
expenses of  
Woodward to  
Convention

. Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart, Lockridge & Powell 5

Nays none.

. The Council then adjourned.

*J. W. Johnson*  
City Clerk